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SUBJECT: ROC NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENTS

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1. ON 16 JUNE 1978, VICTOR CHENG CALLED EMBOFF TO SAY THAT HE HAD YEY TO RECEIVE A RESPONSE FROM INER DIRECTOR CHIEN REGARDING THE TWO OUTSTANDING ISSUES RELATING TO SAFEGUARDING THE TRR. CHENG HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY ASKED FOR A STATUS REPORT ON THESE ISSUES, AS PER PARAGRAPH 11 REFTEL.

2. CHENG INDICATED THAT THE REASON FOR THE DELAY RELATED TO THE FACT THAT OUR AIDE MEMOIRE OF 8 JUNE 1978 CONVEYED AN "ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURE" WHERE THE ROC WOULD INFORM THE IAEA AND THE U.S. EMBASSY PRIOR TO EACH IAEA INSPECTION VISIT WHICH CHANNELS WOULD BE NEEDED FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES. THIS PROCEDURE ALSO INVOLVED NOTIFICATION ON THE TIMING AND OTHER SPECIFICS OF EXPERIMENTS TO BE CONDUCTED IN THESE CHANNELS. CHENG STATED THAT WHILE THIS PROCEDURE DID NOT GIVE HIM ANY PROBLEMS, IT HAD CAUSED SOME CONTROVERSY AMONG INER OFFICIALS.

3. CHENG EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT A FAVORABLE RESPONSE
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TO OUR AIDE MEMOIRE OF 8 JUNE WOULD BE FORTHCOMING SOMETIME DURING THE WEEK OF 19-23 JUNE. HE ALSO FELT THAT QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE COST OF SHIPPING TRR SPENT FUEL WOULD AS WELL BE RESOLVED BY THAT TIME. HE SAID HE WAS AWARE THAT SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION OF THESE TWO REMAINING ISSUES WAS A PRECONDITION TO THE VISIT OF THE SAFEGUARDS TECHNOLOGY TEAM IN EARLY JULY.

4. WE WILL ADVISE ADDRESSEES IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT OF
OFFICIAL ROC RESPONSE TO THESE ISSUES. AT THIS POINT, WE
ANTICIPATE THAT THE ROC RESPONSE WILL BE IN TIME FOR THE
SAFEGUARDS TECHNOLOGY TEAM TO MAKE ITS VISIT AS SCHEDULED.
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